

## GRAND JURY TO BE EVOKED, SAYS ATTORNEY WILDER

Serves Notice of His Proposed Action in Case of Forbes' Trip Expenses

Grand jury action is now threatened Auditor Fisher, members of the public utilities commission, and members of the board of harbor commissioners over the matter of the payment of the expense incurred by Superintendent of Public Works Forbes on his recent trip to Washington.

Attorney A. A. Wilder is doing the threatening, and he did it formally today in letters mailed to the parties above mentioned.

"I have no objection to payment of Forbes' expenses out of the proper funds, if there be any, but I say it is illegal to pay his expenses from the funds of the harbor board or the public utilities commission," he explains.

To Auditor Fisher he sent the following letter:

"Mr. J. H. Fisher, Auditor, Territory of Hawaii, Honolulu.

"Dear Sir:

"I enclose for your information copies of letters which I have sent to the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Harbor Commissioners, which explain themselves.

"You, of course, if you approve any such vouchers as are referred to, are liable to be prosecuted criminally."

The letters to the members of the harbor board and the members of the utilities commission are identical in wording. Each says:

"Gentlemen:

"You are individually and collectively notified that if any of you alone or in conjunction with the other members, certify or approve or direct the certification or approval for payment out of any fund under your control of any voucher or bill for any portion of the expenses of Charles R. Forbes from Honolulu to Washington and return on his recent trip, the facts will be laid before the grand jury with the idea of having each of you prosecuted criminally under the statutes applicable thereto."

## GOVERNOR CALLS FORBES' EXPENSES MERELY ROUTINE

Superintendent of Public Works Forbes has not sent his expense account for the trip to Washington on behalf of the harbor board and public utilities commission to the territorial auditor yet.

Governor Pinkham, when asked this morning if he had anything to say regarding the discussion over the legality of the payment of the account, said: "Mr. Forbes' matters are routine business and should be so treated."

The United States produced in 1914 172,296 short tons of talc and soapstone for the manufacture of talcum powder.

Garbage wagons in a German city are arranged to be drawn either by horses or electric tractors, the latter being 36 per cent cheaper to operate.

## SMART VEST IN FAVORITE COLOR

THE desire for colors shows itself in brilliant waistcoats, which are adorned with the all white or black and white costumes. There is no reason why they should not be, for most of their warmth lies in their fascinating colors. They are really the merest excuse for jackets and must have been invented just to give an outlet to the knitting epidemic that seems to have attacked the feminine world. However, this same little jacket will be most useful over a chiffon blouse under the full suit both as a protection to the delicate fabric and to give just a little added warmth.

To make it choose wool of the most vibrant shade of your favorite color—cherry, a vivid yellow, Kelly green or an intense violet or blue. There is no collar, no belt and no sleeves. In fact, the back looks very much like a man's bathing suit.

It is sewed together under the arms from the waist line down and closes with three or four buttons below a very low V in front.

To make this waistcoat, buy three balls of Shetland fleece and one pair of short amber knitting needles (No. 11). In following these directions remember that a rib here means two rows—that is, if you knit back and forth once across the garment a rib is made. Instead of knitting off the first stitch of every row, just take it off on your empty needle and proceed to knit. This will make a much stronger and better looking edge. When the directions say to take off stitches, instead of binding them off, as we do at the neck, knit two stitches together. In adding stitches add immediately after the first stitch.

The directions are for size 36 or 38. Cast on sixty stitches. Knit twenty-four ribs. Take off one stitch at beginning and end of every row until you have knitted four ribs; then take off one stitch at beginning and end of every other row until three ribs are knitted. Add one stitch at beginning and end of every other row until six ribs are knitted. Count all your stitches. Subtract sixteen (which is to be the neck) and divide by two. Knit that number of stitches, bind off sixteen stitches. Knit the remainder of stitches. Knit back to neck. Take off either shoulder on a safety pin. Proceed from stitches on your needle. Knit six ribs. Knit twenty ribs, adding one stitch at neck end of every other row. From this point do not add any more stitches at neck end, as the front buttons from there. Knit three ribs, adding one

## COOPERATION

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## WIDOWED HAWAIIAN MOTHER GIVEN HELP IN FIGHT AGAINST BIG ODDS

How she struggled for months against poverty and the ravages of tuberculosis, how she labored with failing strength in one of the local laundries to provide food and clothing for her two little girls, and how she was finally compelled to give up because of a total collapse—this is the pitiful case of a Hawaiian widow in Kalihi, which the woman herself has told to Miss Lucy K. Ward, humane officer.

Help has come to the woman through the Humane Society, which has had her placed in Leahi Home, while the two little girls have also been cared for. One of them, eight years of age, has been sent to Queen's hospital for treatment, while the other is to be placed soon in the Salvation Army home if the plans of the society work out.

Only a minor disease of the knee has afflicted the smaller girl, and she is expected to be discharged from the hospital soon, when she will join her sister.

"This is one of the most pitiful cases that has come to us," said Miss Ward this morning. "The woman, who is about 35 years of age, has shown a wonderful spirit in struggling against her difficulties to care for the two children, and it is a pleasure to report that she has been placed where she will be cared for properly, with prospects for her recovery. Her husband has been dead about five years."

From Lahaina, Maui, has come another case of a woman with four small children, left alone, the husband and father having been brought to the receiving station in Honolulu as a leper suspect.

Help has been furnished the family to some extent by the brother-in-law, but it has been difficult to make both ends meet, and the woman now wishes to come to Honolulu to get work. Her oldest child is but 13 years of age; the youngest, one year.

"We have taken this case under consideration also," says Miss Ward, "and like many others that come to us it is hard to decide upon. We will try to do something for her, however."

## HIS NEXT BEST FRIEND

We see much in the papers lately about "His next best friend." If you want to be "Her" next best friend take her out this evening a box of "The Celebrated Orange Blossom Candy" that arrived by the good ship Lurline this morning. Honolulu Drug Co., agents.—Adv.

Capt. Alfred Matson, Civil war veteran, died at his home at Marshfield, Ore.

## FROM YESTERDAY'S LAST EDITION

## HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC BILL INDORSED BY UTILITIES BOARD

Indorsement of the bill now in Congress extending the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric Company so that it may furnish service to the whole island, instead of the Honolulu district only, and providing for jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over the company, was given at a meeting of the commission held this afternoon.

A resolution to this effect was offered by Commissioner Williams and with a copy of a letter to the commission from the electric company will be sent to Congressman W. R. Oglesby, chairman of the committee on territories. The electric company in their letter relate that they have provisional contracts with the naval station and Fort Kamehameha at Pearl Harbor and Schofield Barracks, and inquiries from Pearl City, Peninsula, Aale, Waipahu, Wahiawa and a number of other places on the island. They are willing to come under the jurisdiction of the commission, they declare.

## HAWAII WOMAN IS HURLED TO DEATH OVER HIGH CLIFF

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] Hilo, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Robert Smith, wife of the head luma of the Pacific Sugar Mill at Kukuihaele, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when a horse which she was riding slipped and fell over a pall in the Waimea gulch. Mrs. Smith was one of a party which had been for a horse-back trip along the ditch trail, the party being on its way home when the accident happened.

At a point on a steep pall on the trail Mrs. Smith tried to pass another rider on the narrow thoroughfare. Her horse slipped and fell on to the rocks below, a distance of about 200 feet, carrying Mrs. Smith with it. Death of horse and rider was instantaneous. The other members of the party were forced to ride several miles to Waipio and then to the head of the valley in order to reach the body, which was located about 8 o'clock last night.

## WITNESSES WILL ALL BE GONE IF THIS CONTINUES

Charley Martinsen, ship's cook of the British Yeoman, sentenced Saturday to one year in prison for striking Frederick Dow, ship's carpenter, with an iron bar, January 22, today for the second time asked permission to change his plea of guilty, saying he had not understood the charge. He engaged L. M. Straus to defend him, and was released on \$500 bond.

Dow is to leave on his ship in about 10 days. Unless the case is disposed of before then, Dow will be out of reach of the courts, and there will be no witnesses against Martinsen.

It is charged that Martinsen went into Dow's cabin on the ship and attacked him. Dow is English and Martinsen is German, and they had almost come to blows several times over the war.

## MRS. CAMPBELL TO BE PRINCESS FOR BIG ISLAND

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] Hilo, Feb. 7.—The Hilo board of trade has selected Mrs. E. A. Campbell of Papeaia as Hawaii princess for the 1916 Mid-Pacific Carnival. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Wilhelmina Weight, and has been Hawaii's princess on previous occasions. She will leave for Honolulu Monday.

## HOLD MAN AND WOMAN FOR PRIVATE SALE OF LIQUORS ON SABBATH

For selling wine in his room in a tenement in Camp 2, William Nelson yesterday was arrested by Detectives Stein, Belmont and Howe. Nelson is charged with selling wine to Sam Kalepo, and may have a hearing in the police court tomorrow.

Mrs. Mahelona, located by Detective Stein, was arrested last night on the same charge and is alleged to have also sold wine to Kalepo in her cottage at Liliha and Vineyard streets. In her house nine demijohns and three dozen empty "square face" bottles were found, besides a quantity of wine. Mrs. Mahelona probably will have a hearing tomorrow.

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## RUTH STACKER TO TEACH SWIMMING AT LOCAL 'Y. W.'

Directors Select Crack Aquatic Star to Take Charge of Association Classes

The purpose of Miss Ruth Wayson Stacker to forsake the ranks of amateur aquatic stars and become a teacher of swimming was fulfilled to a generous extent today when the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. elected her as instructor of the association's swimming classes.

This action was taken during a monthly meeting of the board. Aside from her special duties as swimming instructor, Miss Stacker will be one of the assistants to Miss Leonora Andersen, physical director of the Y. W. C. A. The announcement of Miss Stacker's intention to leave the amateur ranks and teach swimming was made in the Star-Bulletin a few days ago.

There now are three swimming classes conducted in connection with the association's physical department, the total membership being about 50. Miss Stacker's knowledge of the pastime as well as her achievements and popularity, undoubtedly will swell the ranks of those who are taking swimming at the Y. W., the association officers believe. Her appointment also will give Miss Andersen an opportunity to devote further time to the work of the other classes in the physical department.

Miss Stacker will assume her new duties at once.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MARK COLBURN: We are cutting down the row of big silver oak trees in the capitol grounds at the instance of the Outdoor Circle. We shall first remove the row on the mauka side, but I understand the Ewa row is to be removed also. I do not know what is to be put in their place.

The germ of smallpox, discovered by a German scientist, is so small that it passes through the most minute filters.

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